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TALLADEGA DRUG TRAFFICKING RING LEADERS SENTENCED

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Paul Anthony Cass, aka "Brown," 51, of Talladega, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court on charges of conspiring to distribute crack cocaine, distribution of crack cocaine and maintaining a crack house. U.S. District Court Judge L. Scott Coogler sentenced Cass to life in prison with no possibility of parole. Cass' property, located at 125 Lane Street and 127 Lane Street in Talladega, Alabama was also forfeited to the government.

Paul and Patricia Cass conspired with eight other individuals to distribute crack cocaine from January 1999 and continuing until January 2007. Paul Cass and Patricia Cass, husband and wife, were convicted on these charges on May 11, 2007, after a four day trial in Birmingham. Patricia Cass, 50, of Talladega, Alabama, was sentenced by Judge Coogler to 360 months in prison and was given 5 years supervised release after the prison term is served.

"Drugs imprison, so it is appropriate for this major pusher to receive life in prison," stated U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin. "The members of the Talladega County Drug Task Force and Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are to be commended."

This investigation was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Talladega County Drug Task Force with the support of the Talladega County District Attorney's Office, Lincoln Police Department, Sylacauga Police Department, Talladega County Sheriff's Office, Talladega Police Department, Anniston Police Department, U.S. Marshals Service, Alabama Beverage Control (ABC) and the

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Assistant United States Attorneys Alison S. Blackwell prosecuted this matter on behalf of the U.S. Government.

Paul Cass has the right to file a notice of appeal within ten (10) days.

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